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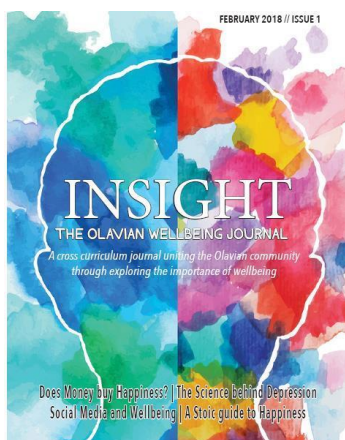
Dear Parents/Carers, Students, Governors, Old Olavians and Grandparents

### Headmaster's Newsletter 9

It has been a difficult week for us due to the wintry weather. The decision to open and close the school this week was taken based on knowledge of conditions at that time and forecasts of what may happen later. However, I do apologise for any inconvenience caused and realise that some families will have work commitments that make this closure difficult for them.



A reminder to complete the [Parental Survey](#) by Monday 5 March. Your views will be appreciated.



Last week's Wellbeing Week saw staff, students and parents reflect on what can be done to improve our wellbeing and how we as a community can support one another during challenging times. Year 9 enjoyed a varied and interesting cross-curriculum day with topics such as Physical Exercise and Wellbeing, the Environment for Wellbeing, Mental Health: Nature vs Nurture being addressed, to name just a few. The publication of the first Wellbeing Journal further served to draw many aspects of the curriculum together and illustrated how students and the school are intent on highlighting the significance of this topic. Thanks go to Sana Rehman in Year 13 for this outstanding publication. We welcomed Jenny Langley from the Charlie

Waller Memorial Foundation who delivered an inspiring talk to Year 10 covering eating disorders amongst young men. Alicia Drummond addressed Year 11 students, and parents of all years, looking at how anxiety and stress can manifest itself and suggested ways to support young people when things become difficult. Many thanks to everyone for getting involved especially Mrs Maxwell and Mr Haines for the various activities, evenings and workshops that they organised. £110 was raised from the sale of the Journal and this has been donated to the charity Young Minds.



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Congratulations to the Year 7 LAMDA group on their first show as Olavians. Last Wednesday, we witnessed a fun and lively sketch show performed by Year 7. Top and tailed by a dance routine and introduced by two Masters of Ceremonies, Daniel Oso and Ioan Negru, the boys delivered an entertaining mix of comic sketches from Monty Python, Morecambe and Wise and Abbott and Costello. They all clearly enjoyed the opportunity to show off their comic timing and articulate and enunciate clearly. Working together as a team they impressed the audience with their dedication and enthusiasm. Thank you to Kate Crane and her team who put so much time and energy into the preparation and rehearsal.



The St Olave's Jazz Band took part in BYMT's Bromley Schools Festival of Music, hosted last Thursday, this year at the Churchill Theatre Bromley. Our musicians performed 'Spain' by Chick Corea, followed by 'Sing Sing Sing' by Louis Prima, two jazz favourites with the sort of exciting rhythmic energy that has everyone clapping and dancing along. During both pieces, the players exhibited some fine ensemble performing. There were also some excellent solo moments for

clarinet, saxophone and percussion, which were also particularly impressive. If the enjoyment in the faces of the primary school pupils on-stage during the Jazz Band's performance weren't enough evidence, the cheering from the enthusiastic audience at the end confirmed exactly how much people appreciated the group. Congratulations go to all participants, with thanks too to the friends of our school who lent a hand in the brass section. All of this of course would not be possible without the superb leadership of Nick Beston, who has looked after the band now for many years.

Finally, it has been fascinating over the last six weeks to hear first the Year 13s presenting their EPQs, then the Year 11s with their HPQs and, finally, this week, the Year 8s with their LPQs. These research projects have been both illuminating and entertaining and, I am sure, of great value to the students in all sorts of ways. Congratulations to all the students who took part. I have appended a list of this week's LPQ topics for your interest!

Yours sincerely

Andrew Rees  
Acting Headmaster

See Appendix below.

<b>Pupil Name</b>	<b>Lower Project Qualification Title</b>
Milaxan Sutharsan	Why Have We Not Found Intelligent Life Near Us?
Pranav Garg	Is the Speed of Quantum Entanglement Communication Faster than the Speed of Light Allowing Us to Time Travel?
Vaibhav Mehra	Is Antimatter Useful and If So What Can it Do?
Eric Sui	Does space only have three dimensions?
David Aderibigbe	How Has the Technology of Football Developed over the Century?
Yani Djelil	Is it Safe to Continue Developing A.I?
Ananjan Ganguli	Why Was the Discovery of the Nuclear Model of the Atom so Revolutionary in the Development of Science?
Varun Shrinivasan	Can Humans Travel Beyond our Solar System?
Rohan Selva-Radov	To What Extent does the Collection and Analysis of Consumer Data Benefit Society as a Whole?
Tanush Upadhye	Why do Seven-Year-Olds Treat Men and Women Differently and what Makes them Think This?
Sahil Chitre	Why Do Foods Contain Additives?
Kenan Kagan	Gobekli Tepe - The World's First Temple?
Shri Gopalakrishnan	Are GM Foods Safe to Develop?
Aidan Abraham	School Compliant Foods - Fact or Fiction?
James D'Silva	How are Commercial Drones Affecting Modern Life?
Moosa Saghir	Are there Other Planets that Could Sustain Life?
Moad Shamekh	Can We Fill the Hole in the Ozone Layer with Man-Made Alternatives if it is an Issue?
Kavin Sivarajah	Conspiracies: True, Fake or a Miracle?
Mayokun Alade	Is the Standard of Education in England Decreasing and if So Why?
Siddharth Mishra	How has the Fall of the U.S.S.R. Affected Global Status Quo in the Modern Era?
Joseph Davies	What Can the Moon be Used For?
Rohan Chavali	Why Should the U.K. Keep Giving Monetary Aid to Developing Countries?
Adam Channon	How and Why did the two World Wars Affect the Development of the Sub-machinegun and Machine-gun?

Kavya Vijay	What are the Advantages and Disadvantages of D.L.S. and How Does it Work?
Felix Ulmanu	What are the Challenges of Bringing Driverless Cars to the Market?
Toby Christopher	Are Electric Cars Better than Petrol Cars?
Rico Rhodes-Evans	Why is the Blockchain Technology So Unknown?
Abhiram Gogineni	Mankind's Battle Against Leukaemia: How Close are we to Finding a Cure?
Srij Bera	What Underlies the Development, the Functions of and Caused Past Accidents in Aeroplanes?
Jamie Clayden	Are Mass Shootings in the U.S.A. due to Psychological Issues or Gun Proliferation?
Pearse Barry	A Peaceful Ireland - Can Anything be Applied to the Israeli-Palestinian Crisis?
Safin Hossain	What are the Problems of Medicine and How Can we Eradicate Them?